



Exodus 1

GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR

Introduction to Exodus



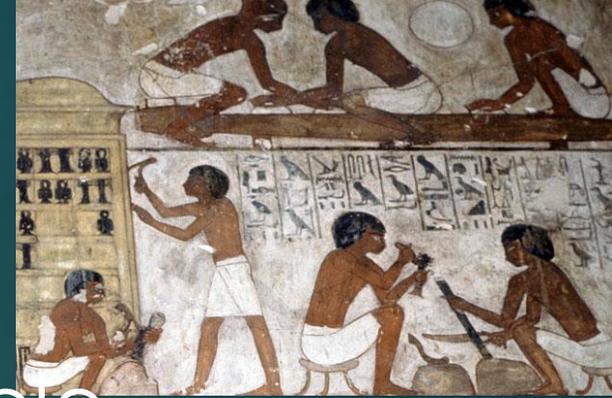
- ▶ “these are the names” The word **exodus** was actually Greek, meaning “to go forth”
- ▶ Exodus is the **extension** of Genesis (compare Gen. 50 and Exo. 1)
- ▶ Moses **IS** the author (sadly it has been a topic)
- ▶ **Joshua** made it plain for us (Jos. 1:8; 8:31, 34-35)
- ▶ **Jesus** believed Moses wrote it (Mark 12:26; Luke 24:44) That’s good enough for me 😊

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- ▶ (Gen. 15:12-18) God had **prophesied** concerning all these events in Genesis with **Abraham**.
- ▶ With deliverance we need a **deliverer**. This book introduces to us the physical deliverer—Moses. But the actual deliverer is **God** (Exo. 2:25).
- ▶ Moreover, this book is about the building of a nation—what is important to God in a nation.
- ▶ Note: (Gen. 46:3) **Suffering** is the tool in making this great nation.

The World is Still the Same...



- ▶ First, they were trying to make God's people **suffer**—the world wants us as **slaves**
- ▶ Second, they were trying to **kill** off all the male descendants...why?
- ▶ If they succeed there will be **no savior** coming from the family of Abraham (Gen. 12:3).
- ▶ The way God defended his people was not with an army of angels...but with two **midwives**.

Fear God and Keep His Commandments

- ▶ They may or may not even be Israelites (v.15).
- ▶ They may or may not be lying about the births (v.19).
- ▶ All we know for sure are two things: first, they **fear God** (v.17) and second, they let the babies **live**.
- ▶ Two things about the fear of the Lord: It is only right to **acknowledge God** and honour Him in all areas of life (Eccl. 12:13, Rom. 1:21). The opposite is untenable.
- ▶ God **honours** those who honour Him (Psalms 103:11, 17)

Civil Disobedience?

- ▶ These midwives did not obey the pharaoh...is it civil disobedience? Is that ok?
- ▶ First, we are called to **obey** our government that is given to us (Rom. 13:5) and God wants us to be **honourable** in our doings (1 Peter 2:11-12).
- ▶ (Acts 4:19; 5:29) Nevertheless, the Apostles have set an **example** for us to obey God rather than men when we must **choose**. (Gal. 1:10)



Conclusion

- ▶ God was using two midwives to confront the greatest force on earth of that day (1 Cor. 1:18-24).
- ▶ God's people cannot be destroyed.
- ▶ (Psalm 2) It is time for us to fear God and obey Him in this present world.
- ▶ And God honours those who honour Him.
(Psalm 103)

